

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to an article-positioning machine. The inventive machine includes a device for collecting the articles in a plurality of individual housings which move in a closed circuit and for enabling the articles to fall through at least one drop zone, each of the oriented articles being directed into a corresponding alignment conduit which moves together with each housing. The machine also includes a device for removing the oriented and aligned articles from the alignment conduits and moving same to an outfaced conveyor. Each alignment conduit includes an upper portion which is used to collect articles from the corresponding housing, a lower portion which includes two or more compartments to which the article can be transferred, and a mobile middle portion which defines at least one conduit and which is moved to distribute the articles from the upper portion to the two or more compartments of the lower portion.